



Choosing the next step after GCSEs is an important decision for every Year 11 student. There are a variety of options to choose from and many providers. It is important that each student makes the choice that is right for them and we hope that the information in this prospectus will help inform your decision making.

At Bourne Grammar School, we aim to provide the best atmosphere, best support and best results for our Sixth Form students. We believe that a high quality Sixth Form education represents the pinnacle of every student's school career and we provide a focused, rich and varied experience. We want to ensure that every student is well-rounded, well-qualified and well-prepared for whatever challenges lie ahead, be that university, apprenticeship, employment or a gap-year.



Alastair Anderson Headteacher

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# The best choice of subjects

Working with our subject specialists, students just like you consistently go on to achieve superb results across the ability range, giving the widest range of options for when you move on after your Sixth Form career. The Sixth Form is a happy, vibrant place and has a truly special atmosphere.

The following A-Level subjects are available for September 2024:

Subject	Specification Number	Exam Board	Average class size (2023)	
Biology	H420	OCR	12	
Business	9BS0	Edexcel	20	
Chemistry	H432	OCR	12	
Computer Science	7517	AQA	11	
Design Engineering	H404	OCR	11	
Drama and Theatre	7262	AQA	10	
Economics	9EC0	Edexcel	25	
English Language	7702	AQA	14	
English Literature	7712	AQA	29	
Fine Art	9FA0	Edexcel	9	
French	7652	AQA	4	
Further Mathematics	H245	OCR	20	
Geography	H481	OCR	18	
German	7662	AQA	1	
History	H505	OCR	22	
Law	7162	AQA	28	
Mathematics	H240	OCR	22	
Media Studies	H409	OCR	20	
Music	7272	AQA	5	
Physical Education	7582	AQA	8	
Physics	7408	AQA	16	
Politics	9PLO	Edexcel	12	
Psychology	7182	AQA	15	
Religious Studies	WJEC Eduqas	WJEC Eduqas	18	
Sociology	7192	AQA	23	
Spanish	7692	AQA	20	

Visit our website for full details of the specification for each A-Level subject offered

# The Sixth Form study programme

Students who join the Sixth Form in Year 12 can choose to study the following:

- Three A-Level subjects, or
- Four A-Level subjects (by agreement with the Head of Sixth Form). Please remember that university applications require only three A-Levels.

The A-Level qualification is a two-year course which students will start in September 2024 and take their final A-Level exams in May/June 2026.





2023 A-Level Results Day

# A new way to study

Sixth Form is the bridge between school and university, training or employment. Our unique programme of study is designed to allow independence and flexibility. You manage your time and we minimise obstructions.

You will have nine hour-long lessons per two-week cycle for each subject, and ten periods of supervised study in our Sixth Form Centre.

A typical timetable for a Year 12 student studying three A-Level subjects looks like this:

Week	Davi		Period 1	Period 2		Period 3		Period 4	Period 5
	Day	08:50 - 09:10	09:15 - 10:15	10:20 - 11:20	Break	11:40 - 12:40	Lunch	13:30 - 14:30	14:35 - 15:35
	Mon	Tutor Period	Maths	Biology		Study		Art	
	Tues	Assembly	Lecture	Art		Biology		Maths	Maths
1	Wed	Tutor Period	Biology	Study		Maths		Enrichment	Enrichment
	Thurs	Tutor Period				Study		Art	Art
	Fri	Tutor Period		Biology		Study			
	Mon	Tutor Period	Maths	Study				Biology	Biology
	Tues	Assembly	Lecture	Maths		Biology		Maths	Art
2	Wed	Tutor Period		Study		Art		Art	Study
	Thurs	Tutor Period	Study	Biology		Art		Maths	Study
	Fri	Tutor Period	Biology	Art		Maths		Study	

# The best support from a specialist team

The Head of Sixth Form is Mrs Shales, a Mathematics teacher, who leads the Sixth Form team. Mrs Shales is supported by the Heads of Year 12 and 13, Mrs Lattimer and Mr Lawrence, who are both experienced teachers. All our teachers are subject specialists who will help you to develop your knowledge throughout the Sixth Form. In some subjects it is normal to have two teachers although for others you will have just one.

Your personal tutor will help to support your academic progress and well-being as well as helping you to address any concerns that you may have during your time with us.

UCAS and Careers are led by Mrs Elliot. As well as careers advice, she can provide advice on choosing and applying for university courses and alternatives such as apprenticeships and employment. You will also have access to *Unifrog*, an online system designed to help you research university courses, apprenticeships and other post-18 opportunities.

Mrs Nicholls and Mrs McCrudden are our Sixth Form student managers, who supervise the Year 13 study room and deal with administrative matters such as authorised absence (medical appointments etc.), study leave arrangements, 16-19 Bursary applications and general queries. You can also see them for pastoral issues or if you need to see your Head of Year.

Our Sixth Form Administrator Mrs Everist is located in the Sixth Form Centre and deals with administrative matters for Year 12 students. She is available throughout the school day and is your first port of call if you have any pastoral concerns.

Please contact **Mrs Elliot** *via* sixthform@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk if you have any questions regarding A-Level subject choice, university requirements, careers advice, apprenticeships or any other information that you need to help you make the right choice

# What to wear

There is no Sixth Form uniform. This is one of the big changes you experience as you move from Year 11 to Year 12. The guiding principle for dress in the Sixth Form is that you should wear clothes which are smart and not casual. This gives you the freedom to wear clothes in which you feel comfortable and which reflect your personality, style and preference.

Visit our website for further \*guidance on Sixth Form dress: www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk Sixth Form Sixth Form Dress Guidelines

# Ultimate flexibility

In our Sixth Form, you will be afforded the freedom to focus on what matters. From 08:15 you can arrive early to study or socialise if you wish. Once you have finished your last lesson, whenever that is, you are free to go home or to relax, perhaps with a freshly-made panini and barista coffee in our exclusive Sixth Form-only café.

At break and lunch you can dine in school or nip off-site for lunch at McDonalds, Costa or Tesco - whatever works best for you. A personalised lanyard allows you to sign in and out securely.

# Personal mentoring

The Sixth Form is an exciting next step in your education but we recognise that it is very different from your previous school experience. We have completely reimagined tutoring to ensure that our Sixth Form students enjoy a vibrant programme to help them get the most from their time with us.

You will have a one-to-one meeting with your personal tutor once every 2-3 weeks to go through what matters to you. Perhaps you want a hand getting organised with your notes; maybe your CV or personal statement for university needs reviewing or you have an academic or pastoral issue. Whatever the case, your meetings with your personal tutor are the opportunity to have a private, supportive discussion focused on helping you achieve your potential.

# 16-19 Bursary Fund

#### What is the 16-19 Bursary Fund?

The 16-19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to students so they can remain in education (providing they meet the eligibility criteria).

#### What can you spend the Bursary Fund money on?

Students awarded Bursary Fund money can spend it on transport costs (including bus passes) meals, books, Sixth Form clothing, equipment and school trips.

#### Further information and how to apply

Full details of our Bursary Fund Policy and how to apply can be found at <u>SixthForm.net</u> You can contact <u>sixthformadmin@boume-grammar.lincs.sch.uk</u> if you have any specific queries.

# Results

0.13.4	2023 A-Level Results				2022 A-Level Results			
Subject	Entries	%A*-A	%A*-C	%A*-E	Entries	%A*-A	%A*-C	%A*-E
Biology	67	53.7%	91%	100%	64	59.4%	84.4%	100%
Business	55	9.1%	78.2%	98.2%	45	31.1%	93.3%	100%
Chemistry	54	46.3%	85.2%	98.1%%	64	51.6%	85.9%	100%
Computer Science	14	28.6%	64.3%	92.9%%	12	41.7%	75.0%	91.7%
Design Engineering	9	11.1%	77.8%	100%	10	50.0%	100%	100%
Drama and Theatre	11	27.3%	81.8%	100%	11	27.3%	81.8%	100%
Economics	40	25%	80%	97.5%	38	28.9%	92.1%	100%
English Language	34	52.9%	85.3%	100%	37	48.6%	100%	100%
English Literature	31	22.6%	90.3%	100%	23	47.8%	87.0%	100%
Fine Art	13	23.1%	100%	100%	14	42.9%	100%	100%
French	6	66.7%	100%	100%	2	100%	100%	100%
Further Mathematics	9	77.8%	100%	100%	7	85.7%	100%	100%
Geography	29	17.2%	89.7%	100%	22	40.9%	86.4%	100%
German	2	50%	100%	100%	2	0.0%	50.0%	100%
History	39	43.6%	94.9%	100%	30	50.0%	93.3%	100%
Law	39	17.9%	76.9%	97.4%	43	32.6%	81.4%	100%
Mathematics	71	59.2%	90.1%	100%	96	52.1%	85.4%	100%
Media Studies	22	9.1%	77.3%	95.5%	22	40.9%	95.5%	100%
Music	5	40%	100%	100%	10	50.0%	100%	100%
Physical Education	8	37.5%	100%	100%	16	81.3%	93.8%	100%
Physics	31	61.3%	90.3%	100%	35	54.3%	91.4%	100%
Politics	9	44.4%	77.8%	77.8%	13	30.8%	84.6%	100%
Psychology	51	29.4%	86.3%	100%	53	52.8%	96.2%	100%
Religious Studies	14	35.7%	85.7%	92.9%	20	30.0%	90.0%	100%
Sociology	37	24.3%	83.8%	100%	44	47.7%	90.9%	100%
Spanish	15	80%	100%	100%	13	61.5%	100%	100%

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# Above and beyond

Although our proven track record of consistent, excellent results gives you the best chance of success for whichever path you choose to follow once you leave our Sixth Form, it is not just about results. Outside of lessons we have a packed enrichment and lecture programme to help ensure that you develop a diverse range of experiences and skills ready for when you move on to your next step.

Some students use the time for work experience or volunteering; others work with students lower down the School or participate in sporting activities. Our weekly lecture series attracts high-profile speakers from professional sportspeople to charity-workers and business-people.

#### Post-18 destinations

2022/23 - Year 13 (240 students)

- 196 (82%) applied to university
- 181 (92%) of students who applied to university, secured a place

#### Of those who applied to university:

136 students (75%) secured their first-choice place

of these students secured an unconditional offer

18 students secured their second-choice place

27 students finalised a place through Clearing

87 students (48%) gained a place at a Russell Group university

students secured
Oxbridge offers

3 students secured a place to read Medicine or Dentistry

The number of students choosing alternatives to university is gradually increasing. Good A-Level grades are still a prerequisite and they helped to secure apprenticeships and employment opportunities for those who choose an alternative to university.

From our most recent A-Level cohort, 19 students are now working or have started apprenticeships. 29 are taking gap years prior to putting in applications for university or apprenticeships and three are joining the Armed Forces.

# Sixth Form Entry Criteria for 2024

Students require a minimum of 7 GCSE (or BTEC equivalent) passes comprising:

In every case you must achieve a Grade 4 or better in each of GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics. In addition to the above, you must achieve a minimum of five GCSE 9-4 (or BTEC equivalent) in any other subjects.

Biology	Grade 6 in Mathematics or Grade 7 in Statistics, and either: Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 or Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Biology			
Business	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature			
Chemistry	Grade 7 in Mathematics and either: Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 or Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry			
Computer Science	Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science, if studied, or Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics where GCSE Computer Science has <b>not</b> been studied			
Design Engineering	Grade 6 in GCSE Design Engineering/Design Technology or Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics			
Drama and Theatre	Grade 6 in GCSE Drama <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature			
Economics	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics or Statistics <i>and</i> Grade 6 in English Language <i>or</i> Literature			
English Language	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language			
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature			
Fine Art	Grade 6 in GCSE Art or Distinction at BTEC Art Level 2			
French	Grade 6 in GCSE French			
Further Mathematics	Grade 9 in GCSE Mathematics or Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics with a fourth subject taken in addition to Further Mathematics			
Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography			
German	Grade 6 in GCSE German			
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History <i>and</i> Grade 6 in English Language <i>or</i> Literature			
Law	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature			
Mathematics	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics			
Media Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature			
Music	Grade 6 in GCSE Music, if studied, or must be an able performer (Grade 5+) and will have undertaken theory work of Grade 5 standard			

Physical Education Students who wish to study PE at A- Level should be active participants in competitive sport; the PE department can advise	Grade 6 in GCSE PE, if studied, or Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 6-6 or Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 6 in GCSE Biology
Physics	Grade 7 in Mathematics and either: Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 or Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Physics
Politics	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Psychology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature, and Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 6-6 or Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 6 in GCSE Biology
Religious Studies	Grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies <i>or</i> Grade 6 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature
Sociology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Spanish	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish

Visit our website for our Sixth Form Admission Policy including oversubscription criteria:

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk -> Sixth Form -> Applying to the Sixth Form

# How to apply for a Sixth Form place

All applications must be made *via* the School website and before the deadline date of **Monday 19 February 2024** 

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk -> Sixth Form -> Applying to the Sixth Form

We do not interview students and do not ask for predicted GCSE grades prior to offering a Sixth Form place. Offer letters will be issued before the end of March 2024 and students will be invited to attend a Sixth Form Induction Day shortly after the end of the GCSE exams.

GCSE results are issued on **Thursday 22 August 2024**. All Sixth Form applicants must confirm their A-Level subject choices and complete their enrolment by 15:00 on the same day. It is advisable to not be away on holiday on GCSE Results Day.

We aim to email confirmation of your Sixth Form place and A-Level subject choices as soon as possible.

For advice on Sixth Form admissions, please contact Mrs Revell via SixthForm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

# Apply online at www.SixthForm.net or scan a QR Code...



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